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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 3,163,567 issued December 29, 1964 to Charles E. Silk.
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If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a discussion with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the references cited on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference (if not previously submitted) is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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